

Garrett Hawkins was first elected the 15th president of Missouri Farm Bureau on December 6, 2020. Garrett is a fifth-generation farmer and the third generation in the Hawkins family to own and operate the farm on which he and his family live today. Agriculture runs deep in his family and the operation spans livestock, row crop, and dairy production. The primary enterprise is beef cattle production.

Garrett's professional experience is rooted in service and spans Farm Bureau, state government and agribusiness. From 2017 to 2019, Garrett served as deputy director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture. During his tenure, he worked with Governor Parson and Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn to protect and promote the state's number one industry.

Prior to public service, Garrett led Farm Bureau's national lobbying efforts and oversaw the organization's policy development process for nearly 15 years. During his time at Farm Bureau, he served on various committees, including AFBF's Farm Bill Working Group, and worked closely with state Farm Bureau leaders and the American Farm Bureau staff.

Garrett and his family are members of the St. Clair County Farm Bureau and St. Clair County Cattlemen's Association. He serves on the Ellett Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, the hospital his great uncle and aunt founded in the 1930s. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Appleton City.